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Applicants: Harry C. Dietz Art Unit: 1635  
Application No.: 09/163,289 Examiner: M. Schmidt  
Filed: September 29, 1998  
Title: DELIVERY CONSTRUCT FOR ANTISENSE NUCLEIC ACIDS AND  
METHODS OF USE

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**RESPONSE**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed August 29, 2000, please consider the following amendments and remarks:

**In the Claims**

Please amend claims 1, 2 and 13 as follows:

1. A nucleic acid construct for suppressing gene expression comprising:

[a] an unmodified 5' stem loop structure;

an antisense nucleic acid; and

[a] an unmodified 3' stem loop structure.

**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8**

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date, **January 26, 2001**, in an envelope addressed to:  
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